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## THE CURRENT'S POWER AND RESISTENCE

(socio-technical and techno-politic tensions in expanding the renewable energy power production in Bulgaria)

The paper offers a socio-technical analysis of the current situation in Bulgarian power industry, assessing its capacity for introducing radical changes in inherited technological, organizational, financial and economic patterns. This situation is defined as maintaining of (difficult) balance between exiting path-dependencies and the necessity to respond of the challenges, stemming from the adopted EU regulations, technological innovations and the changing constellation of forces between business groups in the sector and related political lobbies. This process is exemplified by detailed account of the remarkable growth of photovoltaic and wind power production in the country since 2007.